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## SINCLAIR HOUNDS IN GLOUCESTER

Eighty Riders Follow the  
Fast Pack Sixty  
Miles.

## GRAY FOX KILLED AT CLAY BANK

Deep Run Visitors Enjoy Ex-  
cellent Sport Near Eagle Point.  
Many Ladies Take Part in  
Chase—Sportsman  
Is Dug Out of  
Marsh.

BY DEEP RUN.  
GLOUCESTER, C. H., VA., January 25.—The death of a game gray fox, after a run of something like fifty-odd miles, with hounds pretty well played out and riders stiff after ten full hours in the saddle, marked a red letter day in fox hunting on last Tuesday in the great and glorious county of Gloucester.

With weather so ideal that even Mr. Jorrock's huntsman Pig could not have complained, and with which Gabriel Jinks himself would have been satisfied, a field of hard on fourscore riders spent a day not soon forgotten, in the open fields and pine woods between the York and Severn Rivers.

Hospitality in Gloucester still smacks of Colonial days, and while guests are treated to their hearts' content across country behind a flying pack, they are welcomed with a cordiality so warm that stiff muscles and tired bones are clean forgotten, as the sportsman listens to stirring tales of the kills of bygone days, told by men who love sport for sport's sake, and whose pride of the pure blood of their pack is second only to their pride of ancestry. The fates were kind to a party of Richmonders who accepted the hospitality of Mr. Joseph Bryan to visit Eagle Point, for no sooner was the fact known that members of Deep Run Hunt would be in Gloucester than Mr. Withers, of Severnby, arranged a monster fox hunt.

Twice a year the Sinclair family meets in full force in the hunting field, and for two days wages war for the glory and honor of deciding which branch of the tribe owns the best cracker pack. Mr. James Sinclair, who resides in Gloucester, is the master of the cracker pack in his own immediate locality, while Dr. Sinclair heads the Hampton branch, which possesses as fine a lot of hounds as ever gave a fox a run for his life.

It was determined that the Sinclair trials should be held to suit the pleasure of Mr. Bryan's guests, and so on Monday the sportsmen, with horses and hounds, began to assemble.

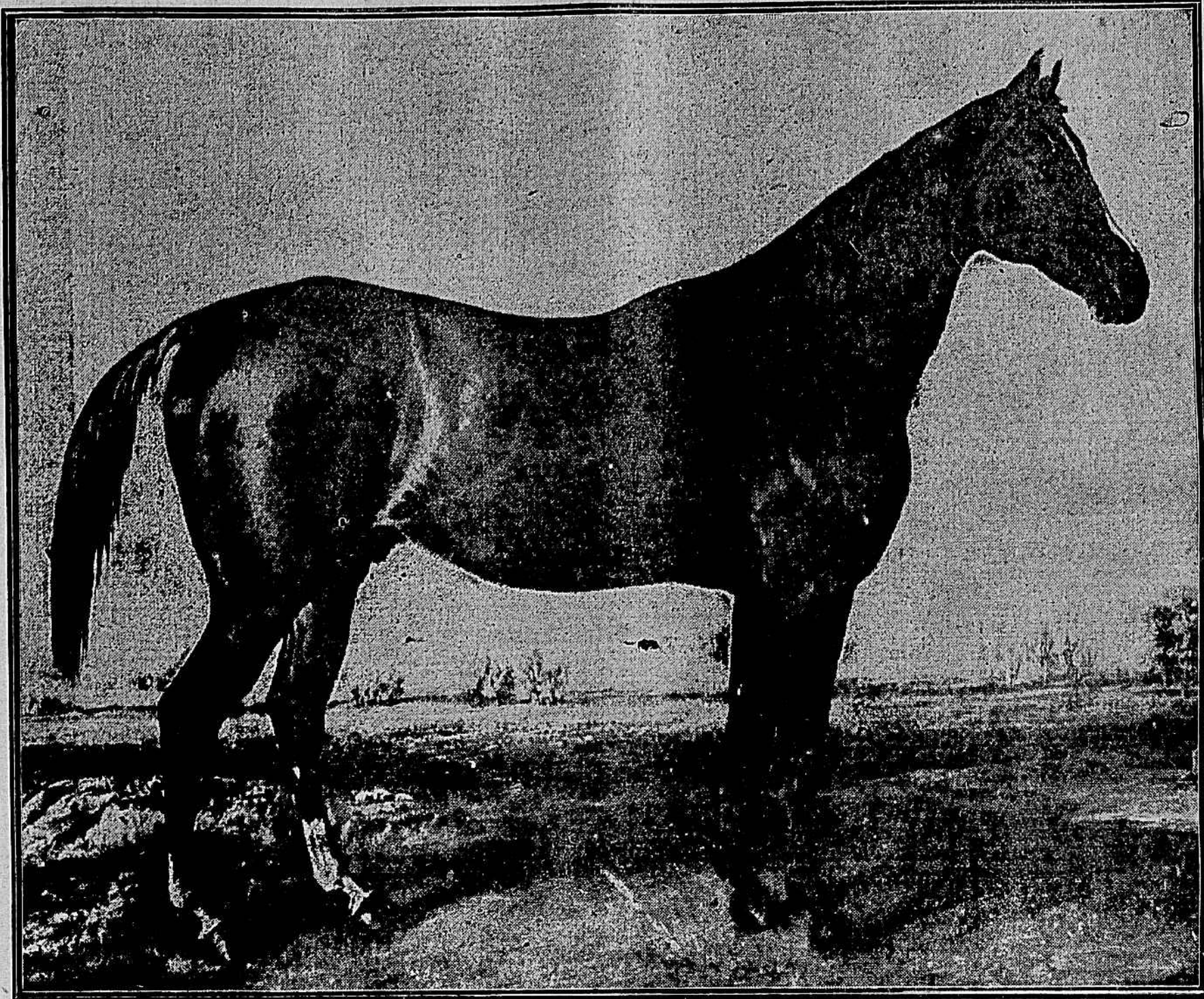
From Hampton, forty miles away, came the Hampton men, riding their hounds and followed by their hounds, journeying by rowboats across the broad expanse of river from Yorktown to Gloucester wharf. The picture of hounds and horses crossing York River would have delighted Leech or Crulshank. Crowded into a small boat, the horses stood huddled in the middle, with a fringe of hounds hanging over the edges, while every now and then one of the hunters blew a soft, mellow note on his hunting horn, as though to give promise of the sport at the end of a hard journey.

Bright and early on Tuesday morning the meet was held at Eagle Point gate, the sun shining just warm enough to make excellent racing, without robbing the brisk air of its animation and vitality. Among those who turned out were Messrs. James Sinclair, M. F. H.; R. L. Sinclair, Ashton Sinclair, Claborn Sinclair, Jack Sinclair, Dr. Fay Sinclair, Roy Sinclair, Pollard Sinclair, Jeff Sinclair, and Mrs. Withers, of Severnby; Mr. Burdell, of White Marsh; Miss Margaret Tabb, Miss Sally Perrin, Mr. Joseph Bryan, of Eagle Point; Mr. J. St. George Bryan, M. F. H.; of Deep Run; Mrs. J. St. George Bryan; Miss Sally Bridges, Mr. R. C. Seiden, Mr. E. F. Rhodes, Mr. Curtis James, Mr. Philip James, Mr. J. W. Woodland, Mr. Fred Deans, Mr. Roland Clark, Mr. Allen Potts, Mr. Charles Seawell, Mr. Walter Harwood, Mr. Walter Perrin, Mr. Harry Tabb, Mr. Robert Corbell, Mr. Charles Jones, Mr. Maynard Benson, Mr. Haynes Hogg, Mr. Thornton C. Bryan, Mr. Eddie Tabb, Dr. Robert C. Miner, Mr. Cecil Page, Mr. Eddie Pointer, Mr. J. R. J. Anderson, Mr. William Pointer, Mr. Cecil Clifton, Mr. Henley Clifton, Mr. Preston Clifton, Mr. D. D. Harris, Mr. W. H. P. Leigh, Mr. Robert Adams, Mr. William Thomas, Mr. Powell Catlett, Mr. John Rogers, and a number of negroes, among them being an excellent fox-hunter by name Pleasant.

The packs, made up of splendid examples of the best type of Virginia hounds, were as follows: Gloucester Pack—Remus, Queen, Sweet, Driver, Ring, Noble, Trailer, Lead, Fanny.

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## WON FORTY RACES OUT OF FORTY-FIVE



BOSTON.

## BOSTON, THE KING OF HIS PERIOD

Bred by Mr. Wickham  
at Hickory Hill, in  
Old Hanover

## STARTED 45 TIMES AND WON 40 RACES

After Defeating the Greatest  
Horses in America, the Old  
Horse at Last Went  
Down in Honorable  
Defeat to  
Fashion.

BY THOMAS NELSON CARTER.  
Boston, the greatest American horse of his day, was bred by Mr. John Wickham, of Richmond, Va., and was foaled at Hickory Hill, the present home of the Wickhams in Hanover county, in the year 1833.

A chestnut, with white stockings on both hind legs and a white stripe down his face, he was by no means a to-day horse, as many of the cracks of to-day go. He stood fifteen hands two inches, while many of the most distinguished of this day and generation measure up to 16 1-2, and even 17 hands, under the standard; but he yielded to none in the points that go to make strength and endurance. His chest was of tremendous depth, giving place for lungs that never "pumped." His loins, thighs and hocks and back were beyond criticism, full of power and elasticity. His legs were short, his body long, and the only defect a modern horse-show judge could pick in his conformation was his head and neck, which were unsightly rather than bad; his hips, which were ragged, but strong, and his barrel, which was rather flat than round and well ribbed up—a real weakness. But as the old proverb has it, "They run in all shapes," and certainly Boston did.

Looking at his picture, a judge would immediately pick him for a horse of tremendous power and endurance without any marvelous turn of speed; that is, as speed is measured in the twentieth century. That he was good enough to win in any and all company of his day is attested by his marvelous performances during the eight years he was on the turf, from which he retired sound as a dollar. Unlike the modern racing machine, which—more is the pity—is put to work in his senior half year, old and kept at it as long as he can stand, Boston never raced until he was three years old and was entered then only three times—once at Broad Rock, Va., for a stake of \$500, and once at Hanover, N. H., for a purse, at three-mile heats, in the first he booted, the other two he won, beating the best horses who reached. In his four-year-old form he was entered only four times, twice at Washington, once at Baltimore, and once at Camden. He won all of these races, which were three-mile heats, and this time beat horses outside of Virginia. It will be noted how carefully his owners were taking him along—three races, only one over two miles in his three-year-old form; four, none over three miles, in his four-year-old form; and in his fifth year, 1838, they started him, then fully developed, first at the Union course, Long Island, in a three-mile heat race, which he walked over, and then got him well launched in his life's work, running and winning for suckers, and Attell gets his share, for eleven races in this season, all except the one above mentioned, at four miles, and got the money in all. In the first he walked, in the eighth and ninth he was paid \$500 not to start. In the other eight he won hands down. In the third of these races he beat Deatur, who had distanced Fanny Wyatt in a match for \$10,000 in 7:45 at Washington.

As a six-year-old, Boston met his first defeat in a two-mile heat race at Petersburg, where he was beaten by Frankle Nell. It was, however, the first race of his career in which he was not fit as shown by the fact that ten days later, he beat Lady Clifton and Brocklesby at three miles in 5:45, the best time ever to that date made on the Broad Rock course. During the rest of this season he never lost one of the six races he was entered in, and he was paid \$1,000 for the other five were not contested. The one at Petersburg on 26th September, 1839, for a stake of \$7,000, was won by Boston in the best time for the course. In 1840 he was entered in seven races, all except one four-mile heats walked for. In his first race of this season at Petersburg for a purse of \$700, four-mile heats, he beat Andrewetta, a famous mare, belonging to Mr. Thomas N. Carter, of Pamunkey, King William county, Va., the best time ever made on the course, although Andrewetta won the first heat. In this year, too, he won a \$10,000 match for \$10,000 at Washington.

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## MR. FLYNN LONGS FOR AL. KAUFMANN

Thinks It Would Be Stepping-  
Stone to Get at  
Burns.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 25.—Tim McGrath has a fighter on his staff who is crying out for a chance to fight Al Kaufmann, and his name is Jim Flynn. Flynn would rather fight the local scrapper than fall help to a million. "This is how strong he is for a fight," McGrath does it out this way: "If his protegee should defeat Kaufmann and then fight Tommy Burns for the championship and win it, it would make him a millionaire, and close on to it; and think of the fame that would be thrown in gratis."

"I can't understand why Kaufmann is dodging Flynn," said Tim the other day. "Jim has been fighting well and would be a big card with Al. Jimmy Coffroth assured me that he would make a match providing the fighters could agree. We are ready to sign, so it is up to Kaufmann to come through. If Kaufmann should defeat Flynn it would improve his chances of getting a match with Burns, who will probably return to this country shortly."

CITY OF MEXICO TO  
HAVE A BIG RACE-TRACK.

CITY OF MEXICO, January 25.—A movement is in progress here to open a race-track in one of the suburbs. Wealthy men are enthusiastic over the idea, and already the project has made a lot of headway. The capital will be furnished fully by Mexicans themselves, and the racing will be entirely for sport, with no intention of making a profit. In fact, it seems to be the idea to place racing in Mexico on a plane equal to that found in New York, or in England or France.

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## Local Baseball Outlook Seems Good

Perry Lipe, Richmond's new baseball manager, has about completed signing up his men for a try-out, and judging the men by their past performances the bunch looks to be something more than a winter pennant winner. Lipe proceeded carefully in his selection of men, and he believes that the aggregation he has gotten together will be as good as any in the league, and that it is as good as can be collected in a minor league of this class.

As Lipe will, of course, hold down third bag, it is stated that Roanoke and Lynchburg are hanging out their strings for Kirkpatrick, who began the season here last year and finished it with Jack Grim.

Kirk will make either of them a good man, for he is a promising youngster, needing only a little more stability and certainty than he has previously shown. If the proper price be forthcoming, Kirkpatrick will be sold to either Roanoke or Lynchburg.

Meanwhile the other clubs are getting busy. But Danville is still in a bad hole. It is fast becoming late, and the Tobaccoists have not yet gotten a manager. They tried to get hold of Griffin, but Mr. Bland hitched onto him first for the Truckers, and he believes he has secured a winner. Griffin played second for Norfolk a short time last season, and led the league in batting. Falling Griffin, Danville has her hooks out for Dick Padden, who played in the old Virginia League and was one year with Chicago, and also once in the Western Association. He is a second-baseman, and is reputed to be one of those old-timers who have never forgotten how to play ball.

Clarke to Columbia.

"Win" Clarke, who was once slated to manage the Truckers this season and who gave up the position following a disagreement with Owner Bland, is going to Columbia, S. C., in the

South Atlantic League. Clarke will be missed in the Virginia League on account of his aggressive playing, for he never gave up a point without a hard contest.

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ern League, last year's champions, will play the locals on March 31st, and on April 1st and 2d the New York Americans will be here on the 4th and 6th, Rochester, of the Eastern League, will play on April 10th and 11th; Buffalo, of the same league, on the 13th, and Princeton on the 15th.

The following two days will be devoted to signal practice, and the season will open on April 18th, most probably with Roanoke, where Shaffer, Richmond's old manager, will be the leader.

Shaffer may be counted on to do some tall playing on his first appearance in Richmond as the manager of a rival club. His specialty is a song and dance on the side lines, in which he has gained a reputation all over the circuit. Richmond fans have never had an opportunity to see Shaffer's performances, for he was always on his dignity at home. His humor and fun-making form a great element of diversion in any game, and the local fans may prepare themselves to laugh when he again steps foot on the Richmond diamond.

While the professionals are practicing on April 16th and 17th, Princeton will do battle against the University of Virginia and against Agricultural and Mechanical College of North Carolina. Both games will be good, and a large attendance is assured.

Indoor Record.  
Sporting Editor Times-Dispatch:  
Sir—What is the best indoor record for 100 yards and one-mile runs?  
J. A. T.  
For 100 yards, 19 seconds, made by Bernard Waters; one-mile run, 4 minutes 24 seconds, made by Frank Nebrick.

Best Outman.  
Sporting Editor Times-Dispatch:  
Sir—Who made the best record at the bat in the American League last season?  
P. A. N.  
Cobb, of Detroit. He batted .350.

Guns and Herman.  
Sporting Editor Times-Dispatch:  
Sir—Did Joe Gans fight Kid Herman last year, and if so when and where?

Gans defeated Kid Herman at Tonopah, Nevada, on New Year's Day of 1907. The fight lasted only eight rounds and Herman was knocked out.

YALE LEADS  
Athletic Championship Falls to the Dark Side.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., January 25.—Yale leads the universities of America in the number of intercollegiate athletic championships her teams have won during the year 1907. Out of twenty-one sports in which the Eastern colleges have held championship meets the Elis are supreme in six, and if Yale chose to dispute Cornell's right to the rowing honors she could claim a tie in this sport. Yale was first in football, basketball, shooting, water polo, wrestling and golf.

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Earnings at the Race-  
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## SPORTING NOTES FROM ACROSS THE BIG POND

BY RICHARD DAHLGREN.  
(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LONDON, January 25.—Again come rumors that Sir Thomas Lipton will challenge for the American cup.

Sir Thomas is now in the Far East looking after his interests in that section of the world, and the report which has gained currency among yachtsmen that the Irish baronet has decided to challenge again under the conditions outlined in the last communication from the New York Yacht Club cannot be confirmed.

It may be said, however, that the report is credited among men who are close to Sir Thomas in yachting matters and it is very generally credited. Of course, it is recognized that the very aristocratic New York Yacht Club may again find some point on which

they may decline Sir Thomas's new challenge if he sends it for the general opinion here is that the real reason for the cur refusal of Sir Thomas's last challenge was due to the fact that he was in trade and that the Americans thought he was simply using the America cup races as a gigantic advertisement of his business. It is hoped and believed, however, that there will be an international race next year.

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after this prize in earnest, and the fact that Mr. Croker intends to start Rhodora shows the esteem in which he holds the filly.

There has been little or no betting so far on the Epsom Derby, and in accord with the trend of development, ante-post betting will hardly assume noticeable proportions until a few weeks before the big race, which is scheduled for June 4th. Betting on horse races in these days, four or five months before the horses face the starter, is too much of a clean gambler to strike the fancy of any except the most confirmed gamblers.

That the French race-goers do occasionally play what is known in America as "hunches," and that they sometimes with thereby, is evidenced by a recent incident at the Vincennes track.

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station Platermaritzberg, which had been sold to a prominent breeder in the Argentine Republic for \$75,000. Platermaritzberg won the \$5,000 Jockey Club Stake at Newmarket in 1901. The deceased horse was by St. Simon, out of Sea Air.

How hard put to it England is for athletes of class is evidenced by the fact that Joe Rogers, the wrestler, who is to meet Hackenschmidt for the championship, is claimed as an Englishman.

As a matter of fact Rogers was born in England, but he went back to the old country as an American wrestler, and saved for the accident of birth, he is an American. As an American I am rather glad Rogers is to wrestle as an Englishman, for Hackenschmidt in all probability will do with him as he will when they meet on the mat.

Speaking of the match the London

first Monday in June. Heretofore the baby race of that country have been idle until the last day of July, and the change is one that meets with general approval, for the reason that it is hedged with a restriction that insures the saving of the better juveniles.

The latest ruling of the French authorities is that two-year-olds may race after the first Monday in June, but only in selling races. Other events for juveniles will not be permitted before the last day of July. As French owners take few chances with what they consider first-class horses in selling races, it is believed that only genuine selling players will take part in these early events.

The recent marriage of Tom Cannon, Jr., eldest son of the better known old-time jockey of the same name, was the occasion of a great celebration in London.